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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt News.

Ehrhardt, March 18.—Mrs. W. B. Moore was hostess at a delightful reception Thursday afternoon of the past week in compliance to her sister, Mrs. Ben Freeman, of Clemson College. Mrs. Moore was assisted in entertaining by the following ladies: Mesdames S. W. Copeland, J. M. Dannelly, E. A. McDowell, and J. W. Lemacks. Delightful salad and sweet courses were served.

The local lodge of Masons gave an enjoyable banquet at the home of Mr. S. W. Copeland one evening last week.

There will be an all-day meeting in the interest of missions held at St. Johns Baptist church next Monday, March 24th. At 11 o'clock a. m. Dr. J. E. McManaway will deliver an address, and at 2 o'clock p. m. he will preach. Between his address and sermon there will be an intermission of one hour and a half for dinner and social enjoyment. Dinner will be served on the church yard. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

A beautiful home wedding was that of Mr. L. M. Ayer and Miss Ollie May Bishop, which occurred last Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Bishop, of the St. Johns' community. There was a very large attendance of the friends of both contracting parties, a number of whom complimented the bride with beautiful and serviceable presents. The ceremony was performed by the pastor of both the bride and the groom, the Rev. E. A. McDowell.

Miss Lillian Smallwood, of Climax, Ga., who assisted Mrs. Emmitt Copeland in her millinery store last fall, is with her again. Her friends are glad to welcome her back to Ehrhardt. Mrs. Copeland held her millinery opening on Monday and Tuesday of this week, and seems to have done a rushing business.

Dr. J. E. McManaway will preach next Sunday, March 23rd, at 11 a. m., at Springtown; at 3.30 p. m. at Colston; and at 8 p. m. at the Baptist church at Ehrhardt. On Saturday afternoon, March 22, he will be at Bethesda.

Mr. G. J. Herndon's new residence is about completed and he and his family will soon move to town. They will receive a warm welcome by their many friends here, and we are sure will make quite an acquisition to the social life of Ehrhardt.

A death that brought sorrow to the hearts of many of her friends was that of Miss Rosa Lee Kinard, of the St. Johns' community. She was a daughter of the late Francis Kinard, and leaves surviving her five brothers and one sister as follows: Perry, Walter D., Guss F., Carey M., Jas. Monroe Kinard, and Mrs. Lewis Hiers. The deceased was 38 years old, was for a number of years a member of St. Johns Baptist church, and bore her long and painful illness with Christian fortitude and patience. Her remains were laid to rest in the presence of an unusually large concourse of people at St. Johns church on the afternoon of March 10, the funeral exercises being conducted by her pastor, E. A. McDowell. The bereaved family wish to express their deep appreciation of the sympathetic kindness of many friends in the sickness and death of their loved one.

Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, March 17.—Hon. Clayton Warner, of Appleton, was in town recently. He spoke as if he might move his family here.

Miss Mary Welch, of Charleston, has been on a visit to Mrs. Jas. Wideman. She attended the teachers' convention in Columbia.

Mr. Stewart, of Aiken, was a recent visitor here.

G. A. Rhodes, of Appleton, was here this week.

The girls' business club was entertained by Miss Flossie Porter recently. A delightful evening was spent playing games. Delicious fruit nectar was served.

Misses Grey, of Brunson, were recent guests of Miss Edna Kearse.

Mrs. Elliot Sanders, of Ulmer, was a recent visitor here.

Invitations have been issued to about twenty couples to attend the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lee Brooks.

Rev. Wm. Simpson has returned from a business trip to Atlanta.

Miss Isabel Brooker, of North, was

TEXAS LEADS IN 1912 CROPS.

Takes First Place from Illinois—South Carolina Ranks High.

Washington, March 16.—Illinois has again yielded to Texas the honor of being premier crop producing State of the Union, Iowa holding her position as third, while Ohio has lost to Missouri the honor of fourth place, the department of agriculture announced today. During 1912 Texas produced \$407,160,000 in 12 crops reported quantitatively by the Government—corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, buckwheat, flax seed, rice, potatoes, hay, tobacco and lint cotton. The enormous cotton crop easily gave Texas a big lead over the second largest crop producing State, Illinois, whose aggregate production was valued at \$289,326,000. Iowa's crop value aggregated \$284,395,000, Missouri's \$196,968,000 and Ohio's \$190,718,000.

In the second five the States ranked: Kansas \$182,363,000, Pennsylvania \$176,250,000, Minnesota \$160,615,000, Georgia \$159,762,000, Dakota \$155,110,000.

The total value of these crops produced during 1912 throughout the country was \$4,695,161,000, compared with \$4,592,338,000 in 1911 and \$4,496,647,999 in 1910.

In addition to the ten leading States the following produced more than \$100,000,000 in the principal crops:

Indiana, New York, Nebraska, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Alabama, Oklahoma, Michigan, Kentucky, South Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee, and California. South Dakota produced \$99,660,000.

J. Skelton Williams Asst. Secretary.

John Skelton Williams, a Richmond, Va., banker, has accepted the offer to become assistant secretary of the treasury, and his nomination was sent to the senate on Thursday. He probably will take charge of the fiscal bureau of the treasury.

The nomination of Mr. Williams caused more comment today among Democrats than any other the president has made. Mr. Williams, who was president of the Seaboard Air Line railway, is a successful banker, a large stockholder in the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company and one of the best known financiers in the South.

Among treasury department officials there was a generally accepted theory that Mr. Williams' financial knowledge will be used by President Wilson and Secretary McAdoo when currency legislation is taken up.

Big Increase in Fertilizers.

Figures in the office of the State treasurer show that to date the sales of fertilizer tax tags show a great increase over the sales to March 6 last year, though the sales were not nearly so large as they were in the record year of 1911.

To date since January 1, the sales of fertilizer tags have totaled \$140,608 as compared with \$110,525.00 between January 1 and March 6 of last year. For the same period in 1911 the sales amounted to \$175,447.50.

It was explained in the State treasurer's office that the reason for the big increase in sale of fertilizer this year was due to the fact that the weather and consequently the roads had been much better this year than last and that the farmers had accordingly been able to haul their fertilizer earlier.

Buried \$5,000 in a Cellar.

Denver, Col., March 14.—Suit to recover \$5,480 which was buried in a cellar at Rock Creek, Wyoming, by highwaymen in early days, found, reburied and exhumed again, was filed here yesterday by Joseph F. Swab, of Denver. Swab seeks to recover the treasure from William Taylor. He alleges that the money was found buried in Taylor's cellar at Rock Creek by Jesse White, who he says buried it again and sold his claim to Swab. The money was found again, however, by Taylor, who kept it.

A recent visitor at the home of Mrs. Wm. Simpson.

Miss Flora Kennedy has returned from a trip to Brunson, bringing Miss Hennegan (who has many friends here) to spend the week-end.

A young theological student preached a fine sermon in the Lutheran church here Sunday evening.

Prof. Campbell and his teachers stopped here on return from the teachers' convention.

Don't fail to meet "Mr. Bob" on March 28.—adv.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

Sheriff Ashley of Anderson county made a raid in Pelzer on Wednesday and arrested ten white men on the charge of selling liquor.

Wofford college, Spartanburg, has 308 students in the college proper and 196 in the Fitting school, and every county in the State is represented except Beaufort.

Charlie Campbell, colored, was shot and killed in Marlboro county on Wednesday by George Gibson, white. The negro was working for the white man, and they fell out.

State Senator John L. McLaurin, of Marlboro, has been prominently spoken of as a candidate for governor next year. While he would make a safe and sane chief executive, we have no idea he will enter the race.

Arthur Stephenson, the young farmer who was shot on Tuesday in an affray in Anderson county with several boys, died on Thursday. Three Simpson boys, two brothers and a cousin, are in jail charged with the killing.

KINGS RESTRICTED DRESS.

Fines Imposed Helped to Fill Coffers of Monarchs.

In comparison with the wide variety of styles, and the freedom with which people choose their dress at the present time, it is interesting to note some of the restrictions of a few generations ago. The reigning sovereigns of the different countries have been largely responsible for the strict laws which have been in force regarding dress. In some countries the idea has been to prevent extravagance among the people; in others the use of different styles as a distinctive feature of the various grades of society and a desire for money on the part of the monarch has led to the making of laws, the breaking of which was punishable by a fine to be paid to the crown.

Henry VIII, for the latter reason, resolved on regulating the dress of the country and ordained that any one wearing costly articles, except persons with a liberal income, should be obliged to keep ready a horse and armor for the king's use in time of war. It was also ordered that "if any temporal person of full age, whose wife * * * doth wear any gown, or petticoat of silk, or any velvet in her kirtle, or in any lining or part of her gown—other than cuffs or edging—or pearl or stone or any chain of gold about her neck, or upon any part of her apparel, have not found or kept a light horse furnished shall lose 10 pounds every three months while he has so neglected." This required the husband of the woman of fashion to pay not only the dressmaker's bills, but to meet the tax-gatherer every three months with 10 pounds.

During the reign of Henry IV no person of low mark was allowed to wear any cloth of gold, or velvet, or to wear a robe long enough to reach the ground. The wearing of long sleeves was also forbidden.

Not only in England, but in many other countries have peculiar laws regarding dress been in force. Under the Emperor Paul of Russia, a man wearing long trousers instead of knee breeches was certain to be arrested. Even the texture of the neckcloth was regulated by law, and a man was caned in the public street for wearing one of more than the prescribed thickness.

Laws restricting the wearing of woollen were enforced in no uncertain way in Egypt a few centuries ago. The wearing of woollen garments was the custom chiefly of the poor, but occasionally of the rich, or by priests, who were permitted an upper dress of this material, but the wearer was obliged to put it off before entering the temple. In no grade of society was the wearing of wool next to the skin permitted.

Negro Girl Kills Another.

Sunday night about eleven o'clock one little negro girl killed her sister with a shot gun, the killing occurring in a tenant house on the dairy farm of Mr. C. W. Rentz, the girls being children of James Snadrach, who works for Mr. Rentz. It seems that the family were all sitting around the fire and the two children got hold of the shot gun, when in some manner it was discharged. The girl who did the killing was six years old, and the one killed was only three years old. Coroner Zeiger investigated the killing, and satisfied himself that the affair was an accident. The child was not taken into custody.

RECOMMENDS MERCY FOR MILES

Verdict of Guilty Returned in Aiken Murder Case.

Aiken, March 14.—Harrison Miles, the negro who shot Bradford Courtney to death last December on the latter's premises, will not pay the death penalty for his crime. The arguments in the case were closed yesterday afternoon and the case was given to the jury at 5.30 o'clock. They remained out all night. After deliberating for approximately sixteen hours they returned a verdict at 9.30 o'clock this morning, as soon as court convened, of "guilty with a recommendation to mercy of the Court," which carries with it the life sentence.

The verdict of the jury was a distinct surprise to many persons, who expected an unqualified verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, carrying with it death in the electric chair, but the negro had able counsel in the persons of Col. Claude E. Sawyer and L. E. Croft, Esq., appointed by Special Judge W. A. Holman, of Charleston, to defend him.

The verdict has created some dissatisfaction, and the complaint is: "He was either guilty or not guilty. If the latter, his life should have been the forfeit; if the former, there should have been a straight acquittal—no compromise verdict."

Mr. Courtney was one of the most prominent and generally esteemed citizens of Aiken County. He was a farmer, and the manner of his death created great indignation and a strong lynching sentiment. Fortunately, the sentiment was suppressed, and the advocates prevailed upon to let the law take its course. But "the course of the law" has brought numerous expressions of disapproval.

Augusta Business Section Safe.

Augusta, Ga., March 16.—Tonight at 10 o'clock there was not a drop of water on the 700 block of Broad street, the centre of the business district of Augusta. Reynolds and Jones street, between 10th and 15th, are under from two and a half to four feet of water, and some of the small shacks are submerged up to the windows.

The river reached its highest stage at 10 o'clock this morning, when the gauge showed 35.1 feet. It remained at that stand until about 6 o'clock this afternoon, when the waters began to recede, and at 10 o'clock tonight shows 34.8 feet.

Water flooded cellars on the north side of Broad street from 10th to 14th streets, but not below. Half the sidewalk on the north side of Broad street was covered until 6 o'clock, but below that block the water did not show on the principal business street. The residence section of Reynolds street, one block nearer the river, was submerged from 8th street up, including "Cotton Row."

So far as can be ascertained at this time the loss is remarkably small throughout the entire city, and practically no inconvenience has been suffered this time, whereas a year ago, and in 1908, there was large loss and considerable suffering.

The levee work along the river bank, which has been in progress about four months, and which it will take a year longer to complete, is said not to have suffered at all seriously, as a result of the high water.

Throughout all the business district, except the few blocks on one side of the street where the water still stands a few inches, the merchants began late this afternoon replacing their goods and preparing to resume business tomorrow morning.

Taking No Chances.

Ollie James, Senator-elect from Kentucky, weighs somewhere near 400 pounds and hates to ride in an upper berth, says the Washington Star. Once, traveling back to his home from the capitol he could not get a lower berth for love or money. The man who had bought the lower berth beneath the bunk on which Ollie was to sleep weighed about 101 pounds and was timid looking.

When the porter made up the sleeping car for the night James examined the upper very carefully and shook it violently.

"I am scared of these uppers," he confided to the little man. "The last time I slept in one it tumbled down." The hundred-and-one pounder did not say a word at that moment. But half an hour later when James returned from the smoking compartment the small man was fast asleep in the upper berth. A note, pinned on the cur's arms, read:

"Take the lower. I hate to sleep in them."

CONFEDERATE HOME ROW

D. A. DICKERT RESIGNS AS MEMBER OF BOARD.

Says He Will Keep on "Fighting Until This Thing of Grafting at the Home is Stopped."

"I resigned this afternoon and the governor refused to accept my resignation. I intend to keep on fighting until this thing of grafting at the Confederate Home is stopped," said Col. D. A. Dickert, of Newberry, member of the commission charged with the administration of the affairs of the home, yesterday, following what is said to have been a stormy session of the board.

The members of the commission are D. A. Dickert, Newberry; J. T. Crews, Laurens; J. G. Long, Sr., Union; A. W. Todd, Charleston, and M. C. Welch, of Columbia, an inmate of the home.

Officers Named.

Col. Dickert told the story of the meeting yesterday afternoon. He said that the board decided to continue H. W. Richardson as superintendent and Dr. F. W. P. Butler, as physician, at least until the April meeting.

"We met out at the Confederate home in executive session for the purpose of reorganizing. I nominated J. G. Long, Sr., as chairman and J. T. Crews secretary of the board. They were elected. It was then that A. W. Todd took the floor and in a smooth voice began to nominate H. W. Richardson and Dr. F. W. P. Butler. Mr. Todd wanted to retain all of the present officers. Todd said something in reply to one of my questions. I protested against the action of Todd. He invited me out of the room. I told him that it was not necessary to leave the room, that we would settle the entire matter then and there. When I entered that room I knew that Richardson and Butler had things fixed up so as to be reelected. I kicked on their plan."

Col. Dickert said that following the executive meeting he returned to the room to find Mrs. Mixson saying some very hard things about him. "I asked her who made the statement that I had tried to reflect on her management. She told me that it was Richardson," continued Col. Dickert.

Denounces Richardson.

"About this time," he continued, "Richardson stepped in between and said that he had made the statements." (Here Col. Dickert quoted language denouncing Maj. Richardson in severe terms.)

"Following the meeting I went to see the governor. He told me that he did not intend to stand for the same proceedings at the home. He said that he would call them all up and stop the abuses of the rules," continued Col. Dickert.

"I told Richardson and Butler that if they did not resign that I would and that I did not intend to stand by and see the grafting go on. I intend to expose the whole d—n thing."

"In the first place Richardson and Butler were elected to their present places without my knowledge. I was not at the meeting when they claim to have been elected," said Col. Dickert.

It was stated yesterday by Col. Dickert that the next meeting of the commission will be held in April and that a majority of the members decided to retain all of the present employees of the home until that date.—Columbia State, Wednesday March 19th.

Runaway Boy Mute Wounded.

Spartanburg, March 17.—Suspected of sinister intention because of his silence, Louis Duncan, 14 years old, a runaway deaf mute from the State Institute at Cedar Springs, was shot by T. M. Ross, aged 62 years, when the boy called at Mr. Ross's home on the outskirts of this city last night to beg a drink of water.

Miss Elizabeth Ross was aroused from slumber by a knock on the door. When she opened it she saw a dim figure in the dark, which made no sound, but waved his arms. Miss Ross recoiled, screaming with fright. Her father jumped from bed, snatched a shotgun and stepped out of the house to repel the supposed intruder, who backed off. The old man called to him to halt, but there was no answer. The figure commenced to run and the old man fired. They found the boy lying in a little crumpled heap, conscious but mute. He was taken to the Spartanburg Hospital, where it was said tonight that he would soon recover. He is a son of Walter Duncan, of near Greenville.

CLEVELAND CHIEF GUILTY.

"Golden Rule" Fred Koehler Discharged From Office.

Cleveland, March 17.—The civil service commission tonight announced that it had found Fred Koehler, "golden rule" chief of police, guilty of "gross immorality, conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman and conduct subversive to good order and discipline in the police department," and immediately discharged him from office.

The charges were filed by Mayor Baker and the trial of the chief occupied the whole of last week.

Koehler attempted to prove alibis in rebuttal of two specifications and declared the third covered an entirely innocent action.

"We should add to the sentence a permit to this officer to receive full pension to which a retired officer is entitled, in view of the term and character of his service, but we are without power to do so," said the commission.

In a statement issued last night Koehler indicated his willingness to resign if allowed to receive his full pension of \$125 a month. If discharged his pension would be \$65 a month.

Koehler is 49 years old and had been a member of the department for 24 years and chief for 10 years. His policy of "golden rule" first offenders and minor offenders has made him one of the best known police chiefs in the country. The title of "Best Chief in America" was conferred on him by Theodore Roosevelt on the occasion of one of the former president's visits to Cleveland.

The commission's decision praises Koehler's work as police chief and says that "while in other cities police officers have been guilty of corruption and extortion, Frederick Koehler is a poor man."

Three years ago Koehler was tried and acquitted by the civil service commission on charges of drunkenness and personal misconduct in office.

Mayor Baker issued a statement tonight in which he praised Chief Koehler's record and the efficiency of the police department under him and regretted the necessity for his separation from the department under such circumstances. Koehler would say nothing about his dismissal.

Three Boys Lodged in Jail.

Anderson, March 13.—Lee Major, the young white man who shot Victor Wood, a lineman of the Interurban Railway company, during a joking conversation while they were riding as passengers on an interurban car near Pelzer late last night, was brought to jail here tonight from Pelzer by Sheriff Ashley. Along with Major were brought Henry Major and Fisher Strickland, all of the Belton mill village.

Yesterday afternoon the two Major boys and Strickland were firing pistols on the road near Charley Ashley's home, two miles south of Belton. Ashley told them to stop, whereupon they fired three shots at Ashley. Ashley returned their fire with a Winchester, none of the balls taking effect.

Sheriff Ashley went to the scene with bloodhounds and trailed the boys for some distance. Warrants were issued. The three boys, on learning that officers were hunting for them, boarded the 9 o'clock interurban car bound for Greenville. Shortly after getting aboard the three boys became engaged in a conversation with Wood, and the shooting of Wood followed. Wood is in a hospital at Greenville. The bullet entered his left chest, passing across his body. The wound will hardly prove dangerous.

The three boys lodged in jail tonight are laughing and joking about their escapades yesterday afternoon and last night.

JACKSONVILLE MAN DROWNS.

Falls from Launch, His Bride Witnessing Tragedy.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 16.—H. H. Wallace, 25 years old, treasurer of a prominent life insurance company here, lost his life late this afternoon in the St. Johns River, when he fell from his launch. He, with his bride were out for a pleasure trip. They anchored their boat just off the city and as he started to walk around the side he slipped and fell, his body never rising to the surface again. Mrs. Wallace hysterical, blew the boat's whistle until she saw aid coming. She was taken to South Jacksonville and later to the home of a friend.

Wallace's body was recovered tonight almost in the same spot where he fell overboard.